Most wicked, cruel, bloody, and barbarous News

FROM

This Last Lent Assizes

At the City of

WINCHESTER

in *HAMPSHIRE.*

Being a Full and true Relation of *George Bromman*, and *Dorothy Newman* his Wicked Strumpet, being both agreed to make away his own Wife, and Son, a Youth about Fourteen Years of age; with the manner how they brought it about, and for what intent, and how they were Discovered after he had Murthered his Wife, on *Ball*-hill, in *East-Woodhay*-Parish, and his Son on *Coum-hill*, in a most cruel and frightful manner, as the Book within doth more largely express.

Also the manner how they were Hang'd in Chains, both he and his Harlot one at one end, and the other at the other end of the Gibet, on *Coum*-hill, seven Miles off *Newbury*, and Five Miles off *Hungerford*, on Tuesday the 7th of this instant *March*, 1676.

As also an account of a Young-Man that Murdered his Sweet-heart, being his Fellow-Servant at *Stratford* by Bow, three Miles off *London*, Likewise the Manner for what intent, she being with Child; and how she was mortally Wounded about the head, and the Babe was kickt dead in her Womb, and she afterwards thrown into his Masters deep Mote; as also how he was Condemn'd to be Hang'd at *Chelmsford* Assizes, the 28th. of *February*, 1676.

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Moſt wicked, cruel, bloody and barbarous News from this Laſt Lent Aſſizes at the City of *VVincheſter* in *Hampſhire*.

ONe *George Bromman* Servant and Head-Caterer to one *Farmer Hunt* of *Ham* in the County of *Wilts*, a very Honeſt and good Sufficient man, but it may happen that many an Honeſt man may have a bad Servant, but it was otherwiſe by this man, for he had a very true and faithful Servant of this *John*, till the Devil and a baſe Strumpet laid their heads together for the Trappaning of this poor fellow, (if I may call him ſo) for truly he is to be pittied by any that fears God; but to be ſhort, this man forſook his wife and children, and kept company with a wicked baſe Strumpet, for ſeveral years, in the filthy ſin of Adultery, and did keep themſelves as cloſe from the world as poſſible they could, but not ſo but that it was underſtood by ſome to their great ſhame, but his own wife, poor ſoul, *which* lov'd him as the Apple of her Eye, was blinded, and would not believe no ſuch thing of her husband at firſt,

till it was too evidently made appear by a Countrey talk; this passed on for four years and upwards, and the Whore now begun to grow weary of his Wife; telling him how happily and comfortably they might live together if his Wife was dead; VVhy saies this *John* would you marry me then; Yes, answered she, and you should find me a good friend to you too, better then you do now; he replys, what shall I do to make her dye, she answered that she had a Friend in *Newberry*, which had a Daughter living in *Virginny*, if you'l go over and fetch your VVife and Son and meet me upon such a day, i'le see and lay wait for some in the mean time for to perswade your wife and Son to go to *Virginny* to this Gooddy *Geis* daughter, and will tell her it is a fine sweet Countrey, and 'tis better living there then here; these and a great many wicked fancies they had to make her away: so by her persuading he hired a Horse and came to his wife neer the Devizes in *VViltshire*, who poor soul when she saw him leapt and hung about him, and wept for Joy, for it was known that she was a tender, loving wife to him although he had a stony Knaves heart to her and her children, so he told her that he came to fetch her to *Newberry*, and that horse he had brought to carry her; then her joys was doubled, and was exceeding glad she should receive so much love from him; so the next day they came to this whores house at *Vernum*; His wife not knowing that was his whore: and from thence they went to Goodwife *Geis* in *Newberry*, where they propounded the question for she and her Son to go to *Virginny*, but there was no perswading of her, they

carried

carried them back again the ſame day ; with that the Strumpet whoſe name was *Dorothy Newman* ſent her own ſon to her husband to come and fetch away his wife and ſon, and beat their brains out, for ſhe would not go to *Virginny*, nor ſhe, ſo the next morning he came early, and had them along with him both wife and ſon, and his VVhore went alſo with them, till they came to a bye place on *Ball-hill*, in *Eaſt-wood-hay-pariſh* in *Hampſhire*, where moſt inhumanely he fell upon his vvife, giving her ſeveral vvounds in the head, and ſtopping her mouth vvith fern or brakes, thruſting of them dovvn her throat with a ſtick , ſo leaving of her dead vvent and murdered his ſon, a boy about 14 years of Age, on *Coum-hill*, ſome ſeaven Miles from *Newberry*, then took and flung him in a deep Pond of water : this was on Tueſday in the begining of *Auguſt* laſt, & the Murthered bodies was found out on Thurſday following : but when they were found, none of the Neighbouring people knew them , they being Strangers , but the Nevvs flying about the Country, of ſuch Murders done on the body of a VVoman and a young Lad , and coming to the ears of Good-vvife *Geis* of *Newberry*, it run in her mind that it was the VVoman and her *Son* that *Dorothy Newman* had brought to her houſe to be ſent to *Virginny*, and to be ſatisfied therein vvent and found they vvere the ſame indeed; and forthvvith ſhe cauſed the *Strumpet Dorothy Newman* to be Apprehended, but for the man ſhe did not knovv him, declaring that ſhe never ſavv him to her knovvledge.

But he was ſoon diſcovered by his VVhores own ſon, which did confeſs that this *George Brommon* uſed to

come every night and fetch a Lader out of the Barn, and set against his Mothers window, and so creep in and lye with her, wherewithal care was taken, and a Watch set privately, and that Night he was taken with the Ladder on his shoulder, and being apprehended he confest it, and withal said; that the killing of his wife did not trouble him to speak on, if he had not murdered his son, which beg'd so hard for Gods sake, and Christ Jesus sake to save his life, and hung very fast about him all the time.

So they were committed to the City of *Winchester*, there being the County Goal for *Hampshire*, where they have lain till this *Lent* Assizes; and being come to their Tryals before the Judges of the Circuite, the chief witnesses against them was this lewd Womans own son, and some others that made out what a wicked liver she had been, and how it has been judg'd that she had made away her former Husband and a Child before, and having nothing to plead for themselves, was sentenced both of them to be hang'd in Chains of Iron back to back, at *Coum-hill* in *Hampshire*, not far from the place where he committed these cruel Murthers, being some seaven miles from *Newberry*, and five miles from *Hungerford*, and about seven Miles from *Andover*: This was done on Munday, *March* the *6th.* 1676.

I am further to inform you of a cruel Murther committed at *Stratford* neer *Bow*, three miles from *London*, which was this; A Youngman living in service with a Maid, pretended a great love for her in the way of Marriage, and in the intrem of time gets so far in her favour,

favour, that he lies with her, gets her with child, and finding her self not well, but drawing nigh her time was forc'd to leave her service, and come to a friends house of hers in London, telling them she was married, and withal the condition she was in by her Husband, which was her fellow-servant, and how she was to go on such a day to meet him with her cloaths, and so she did, but was not heard of till she was found dead in her Masters Mote, which was some time after; and it being known and found that he lay out of his Masters house the same Night that she came from London to meet him, and could not give no lawful account where he was the same time, and the murdered body being wounded in several places, and she being ript open the Child was found much bruised in her body with kicks, and the like; and Evidences being made he was seen last in her company; and other strong circumstances against him, he was Condemned to be hanged at *Chelmsford* Assizes, the 28*th*. of *February* last.

And thus have I given you account of three cruel, wicked, and bloody murthers as have happened in our times; the Lord grant we may never know the like again; which I hope will be the prayer of all good Christians that reads these inhumane crimes, as it is mine. So farewel.

FINIS.